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*To The Honorable, The Chief Justice of
The Supreme Court of North Carolina*

Submitted herewith is the Third Annual Report of the Administrative Officer of the Courts. This Report, prepared pursuant to G.S. 7A-343, relates to the 1968 calendar year.

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FOREWORD

A constitutional amendment adopted in 1962 provided the framework for a unified court system in North Carolina. The 1963 General Assembly created a Courts Commission and charged it with the responsibility of preparing and drafting the legislation necessary for complete implementation of the new Judicial Article. This Commission, composed largely of legislative leaders and under the chairmanship of Senator Lindsay C. Warren, Jr., immediately embarked upon its task. Its major production was recommended legislation which was enacted as "The Judicial Department Act of 1965". This Act prescribed the organizational and operational details of the General Court of Justice and established an Administrative Office of the Courts.

The 1962 Judicial Article provided for an Appellate Division consisting of the Supreme Court, a Superior Court Division and a District Court Division in the General Court of Justice. The 1965 Act provided for gradual implementation of the new court system. The schedule of activation is shown in Appendix I. Because of the increasing burden of appellate work, it became necessary to provide an additional court in the Appellate Division. The Constitution was again amended in 1965 to authorize the new appellate court.

In the trial divisions of the General Court of Justice, criminal cases are allocated on a jurisdictional basis. There is no jurisdictional division as to civil cases. The District Court Division has exclusive original jurisdiction of misdemeanors. The District Court is the proper division for the trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy is \$5,000 or less. It is also the forum for domestic relations and juvenile cases. No jury is provided in the District Court for criminal trials. Each defendant has the right of appeal to the Superior Court and to trial *de novo*. Jury trial is provided, upon demand, in the District Court in civil matters, and appeal is to the Court of Appeals.

There will be 112 District Court Judges when the establishment of the new system is completed. The judges are elected to four-year terms. A Chief District Judge with very extensive administrative authority is designated in each district by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Specialized judgeships are authorized.

A district court prosecutor is authorized for each judicial district. A specified number of assistants is authorized for districts in which the workload requires more than one. On January 1, 1971, the office of district prosecutor will be abolished and the Solicitor, with a designated number of assistants, will be responsible for prosecution in the superior court and district court divisions.

Family counseling services are provided in any judicial district having a county with a population of 85,000 or more. The clerk of superior court in each county is required to establish and maintain, under the supervision of the Administrative Office of the Courts, an office of consolidated records of all judicial proceedings in the trial division of the General Court of Justice. He retains his former jurisdiction in special proceedings, probate of wills, and administration of decedents estates.

Magistrates, assigned to duty by and closely supervised by the Chief District Judges, are authorized for each county. Their major function will be issuing warrants. They are also empowered to hear small claims actions, accept guilty pleas in non-traffic misdemeanors for which punishment cannot exceed a fine of \$50 or imprisonment for 30 days, accept waivers of trial and pleas of guilty in minor traffic cases in accordance with a schedule of offenses and fines established by the Chief District Judge, conduct preliminary examinations in misdemeanor cases, grant bail before trial in non-capital cases, and to perform certain ministerial duties formerly authorized for justices of the peace.

When the District Court is established in a county, all previously existing inferior courts, including the justice of the peace courts, are abolished. This change will be completed on December 7, 1970. The operation of the courts has been declared to be a State function. All operating expenses of the Judicial Department will be paid from State funds. The only expenses left upon local governing bodies are those related to furnishing and equipping the courtrooms and related judicial facilities. To aid the counties in meeting this expense, the law provides for a facilities fee to be assessed in the bill of costs in every case processed by the trial division of the General Court of Justice.

The new court system established by the Judicial Department Act of 1965 was instituted in 22 counties on December 5, 1966. The new Court of Appeals authorized by the 1965 constitutional amendment was established by the 1967 General Assembly. Its jurisdiction appears in Appendix II. The Court of Appeals now consists of nine judges who sit in panels of three. The district court was established in 61 additional counties on December 2, 1968.

An Act of the 1969 General Assembly established the Courts Commission on a permanent basis. Having completed its task of implementing the new court system, the commission will continue to study the structure and operations of the Judicial Department and to recommend improvements.

THE COURTS COMMISSION

1968

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Lewiston, North Carolina

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Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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Draper, North Carolina

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Goldsboro, North Carolina

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Henderson, North Carolina

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Chairman

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Morganton

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Burlington

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W. E. TIMBERLAKE, Attorney, Lumberton

W. D. SABISTON, JR., Attorney, Carthage

FRANK W. BULLOCK, JR., Executive Secretary, Raleigh

THE APPELLATE DIVISION

The appellate division was expanded by creation of the Court of Appeals. The year 1968 witnessed the first full year of operation for this enlarged division. The Court of Appeals, approved by the voters in 1965 and established by the 1967 General Assembly, began operation on October 1, 1967 with six judges. It began hearing cases on January 30, 1968. Three additional judges were appointed in July 1969.

Since providing relief for the heavily burdened Supreme Court was one of the chief reasons for establishing the Court of Appeals, a statistical examination with this purpose in mind is important. During 1968, the Supreme Court wrote 162 opinions. Full opinions were written in 138 cases, and per curiam opinions in 24. Of these opinions, 99 were in civil cases and 63 in criminal matters. The Supreme Court affirmed the lower court in 97 cases, and took corrective action in 65 cases. The court also considered 134 motions and petitions, many of them petitions for certiorari after an adverse opinion of the Court of Appeals.

The Court of Appeals, sitting in panels of three, considered 582 cases during 1968. Opinions were written in 428 cases. A great majority of the appeals, 534 (332 civil and 202 criminal), came from the Superior Court, with only 13 from the District Court, 30 from the Industrial Commission, and 5 from the Utilities Commission. The court affirmed the lower bodies in 306 instances and took corrective action in 122.

Comparison of the workload of the Supreme Court during 1968 with previous years reveals that the Court of Appeals has provided the much needed relief for the previously overburdened court. This leaves the Supreme Court free to examine carefully the truly significant questions of law.

JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT

Chief Justice:

R. HUNT PARKER

Associate Justices:

WILLIAM H. BOBBITT,
CARLISLE W. HIGGINS,
SUSIE SHARP,

I. BEVERLY LAKE,
JOSEPH BRANCH,
J. FRANK HUSKINS.

Emergency Justices:

WILLIAM B. RODMAN, JR.,
EMERY B. DENNY,
J. WILL PLESS, JR.

SUPREME COURT

Cases Decided By Written Opinions

1958 - 1968

	<i>Full Opinions</i>	<i>Per Curiam</i>	<i>Total</i>
1958 - 59	257	58	315
1959 - 60	277	81	358
1960 - 61	270	77	347
1961 - 62	262	81	343
1962 - 63	287	92	379
1963 - 64	277	142	419
1964 - 65	304	169	473
1965 - 66	287	178	465
1967	340	125	465
1968	138	24	162

JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

Chief Judge:

RAYMOND B. MALLARD

HUGH B. CAMPBELL
WALTER E. BROCK
DAVID M. BRITT
NAOMI E. MORRIS

FRANK M. PARKER
EARL W. VAUGHN
R. A. HEDRICK
WILLIAM E. GRAHAM, JR.

THE SUPERIOR COURT

During 1968 there were 70,115 cases filed in the Superior Court, an increase of 8.3% over 1967. 82,879 cases were disposed of, 26.7% more than in 1967. The rate of increase in filings would have been even higher were it not for the fact that the district courts heard many of the cases formerly filed in superior court. The great increase in dispositions over the previous year is due to several factors. When the 61 additional counties began operating under the district court system in December 1968, a large number of pending cases was transferred from the Superior Court to the district court. Also, the court schedule was increased by 108 days, and there was an increase of 227 days in the amount of court utilized. Most of the additional court was in counties with the heaviest case loads, as indicated by statistics furnished to the Administrative Office. The small increase in the number of new cases and the large increase in the disposition of cases resulted in a 25.1% reduction in the number of pending cases on December 31, 1968 as compared to December 31, 1967.

CONFERENCE OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES

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President Elect, JUDGE RUDOLPH I. MINTZ, Wilmington

Vice President, JUDGE P. C. FRONEBERGER, Gastonia

Secretary-Treasurer, JUDGE EUGENE G. SHAW, Greensboro

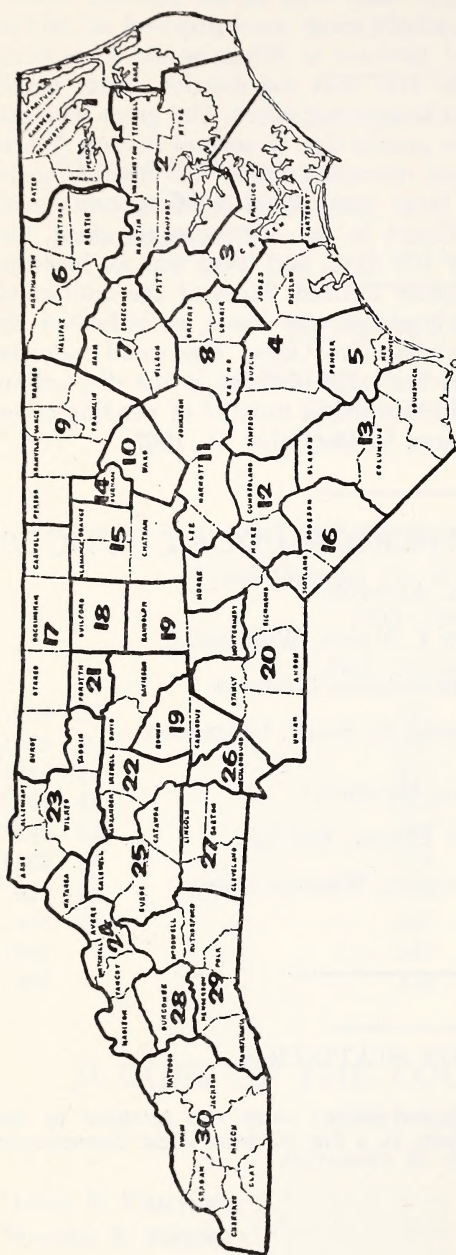
Additional Executive Committee Members:

JUDGE JAMES H. POUL BAILEY, Raleigh

JUDGE HARVEY A. LUPTON, Winston-Salem

A NOTE ON STATISTICS

Statistical data for the superior and district courts was furnished by the Clerk of Superior Court in each county. In a few instances slight discrepancies appear in some of the figures.



By Districts

1. Walter W. Cohoon
2. Elbert S. Peel, Jr.
3. William J. Bundy
4. Howard H. Hubbard
5. Rudolph I. Mintz
6. Joseph W. Parker
7. George M. Fountain
8. Albert W. Cowper
9. Hamilton H. Hobgood
10. William Y. Bickett
11. James H. Pou Bailey
12. Harry E. Canaday
13. E. Maurice Braswell
14. Coy E. Brewer
15. Edward B. Clark
16. Clarence W. Hall
17. Leo Carr
18. Henry A. McKinnon, Jr.
19. Allen H. Gwyn
20. Walter E. Crissman

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES

18. Eugene G. Shaw
19. Frank M. Armstrong
20. John D. McConnell
21. Walter E. Johnston, Jr.
22. Harvey A. Lupton
23. Robert A. Collier, Jr.
24. W. E. Anglin
25. Sam J. Ervin, III
26. Fred H. Hasty
27. Frank W. Snepp, Jr.
28. William T. Grist
29. P. C. Froneberger
30. B. T. Falls, Jr.
31. W. K. McLean
32. Harry C. Martin
33. J. W. Jackson
34. T. D. Bryson

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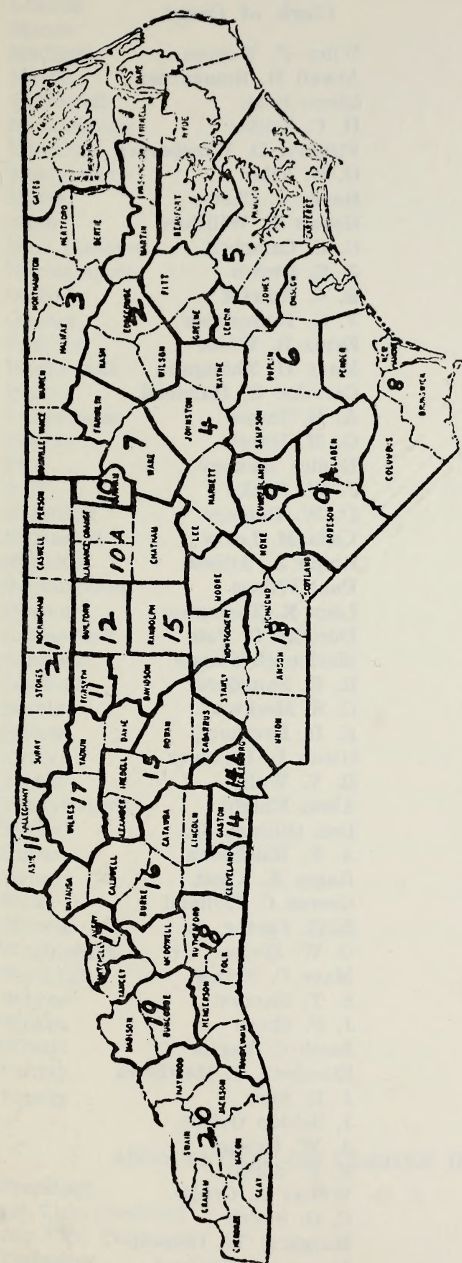
- Fate J. Beal
James C. Bowman
A. Pilston Godwin, Jr.
Robert M. Martin
Hubert E. May
Lucy H. Thornburg
George R. Ragsdale

Emergency Judges

- Walter J. Bone
W. H. S. Burgwyn
Zeb V. Nettles
Hubert E. Olive
George B. Patton
F. Donald Phillips
Francis O. Clarkson
Henry L. Stevens, Jr.
Chester R. Morris

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Southport
Murfreesboro
Raleigh
High Point
Nashville
Webster
Raleigh

Nashville
Woodland
Asheville
Lexington
Franklin
Rockingham
Charlotte
Warsaw
Coidjock



SOLICITORS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

BY SOLICITORIAL DISTRICTS

1. Herbert Small	Elizabeth City	9. Doran J. Berry	Fayetteville	14a. Elliott M. Schwartz	Charlotte
2. Roy R. Holdford, Jr.	Wilson	9a. John B. Regan	St. Pauls	15. Zeb A. Morris	Concord
3. W. H. S. Burgwyn, Jr.	Woodland	10. Dan K. Edwards	Durham	16. W. Hampton Childs, Jr.	Lincolnton
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7. William G. Fausdell, Jr.	Raleigh	13. M. G. Boyette	Carthage	20. Marcellus Buchanan, III	Sylva
8. William A. Cobb	Wrightsville Beach	14. Henry M. Whitesides	Gastonla	21. Charles M. Neaves	Elkin

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Cherokee	D. W. Ramsey
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Cleveland	Paul Wilson
Columbus	Lacy R. Thompson
Craven	Dorothy P. Pate
Cumberland	Marion B. Person
Currituck	R. E. Saunders
Dare	C. S. Meekins
Davidson	E. R. Everhart
Davie	Glenn L. Hammer
Duplin	R. V. Wells
Durham	Alton Knight
Edgecombe	Don Gilliam, Jr.
Forsyth	A. E. Blackburn
Franklin	Ralph S. Knott
Gaston	George C. Holland
Gates	S. H. Carter, Jr.
Graham	O. W. Hooper, Jr.
Granville	Mary C. Nelms
Greene	S. T. Barrow
Guilford	J. P. Shore
Halifax	Jacob C. Taylor
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Henderson	J. Seldon Osteen
Hertford	A. W. Greene
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 Lincoln
 Macon
 Madison
 Martin
 McDowell
 Mecklenburg
 Mitchell
 Montgomery
 Moore
 Nash
 New Hanover
 Northampton
 Onslow
 Orange
 Pamlico
 Pasquotank
 Pender
 Perquimans
 Person
 Pitt
 Polk
 Randolph
 Richmond
 Robeson
 Rockingham
 Rowan
 Rutherford
 Sampson
 Scotland
 Stanly
 Stokes
 Surry
 Swain
 Transylvania
 Tyrrell
 Union
 Vance
 Wake
 Warren
 Washington
 Watauga
 Wayne
 Wilkes
 Wilson
 Yadkin
 Yancey

Clerk of Court

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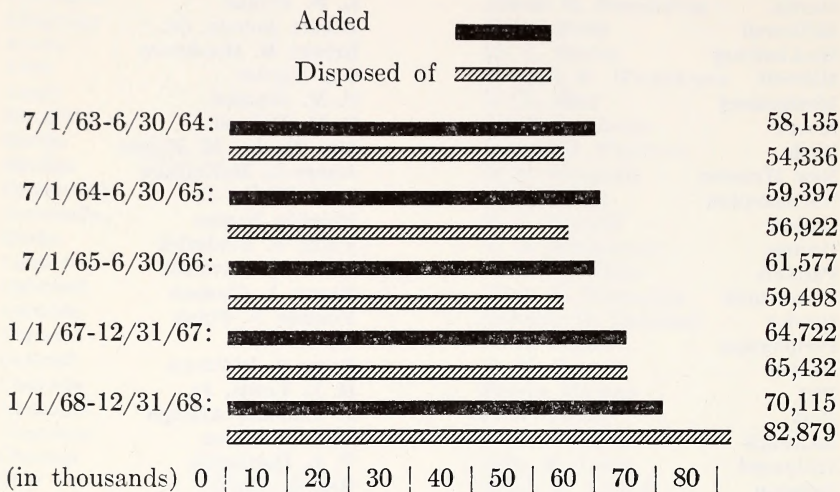
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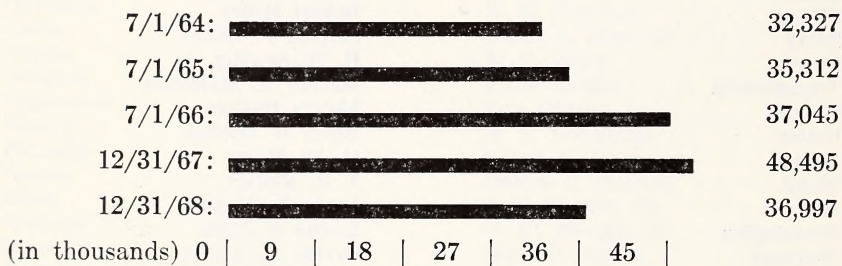
TOTAL CASES ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1963 - December 31, 1968



TOTAL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1964 - December 31, 1968



UTILIZATION OF SCHEDULED COURT

July 1, 1963 - December 31, 1968

	<u>Days Scheduled</u>	<u>Days Held</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
7/1/63-6/30/64	8513	7158 $\frac{1}{2}$	84.
7/1/64-6/30/65	8724	7155	82.
7/1/65-6/30/66	9129	7462 $\frac{1}{2}$	81.7
1/1/67-12/31/67	9313	7815	83.9
1/1/68-12/31/68	9421	8042	85.4

CIVIL DOCKETS

There was an increase of 4.8% in civil filings during 1968. Dispositions increased 36.4% over the previous year. When these rates are applied to the pending case load there is a significant decrease in pending cases and a sharp reversal of the former trend of rapid accumulation of cases.

Upon observation of the distribution of pending cases among the counties, it appears that most counties have light pending case loads while a few have a large number of pending cases. A comparison of the dispositions for 1967 and 1968 reveals that many counties reduced their civil dockets. Also, the increased court schedule in the busiest counties helped increase the dispositions.

The ten counties with the largest civil dockets accounted for 53% of the total pending civil cases on December 31, 1968. Although the number of civil cases pending statewide decreased 28.7% by December 31, 1968, this decrease was not strictly proportioned. The reduction occurred primarily in the counties in which the district court was established in 1968. In 9 of the 10 counties with the largest accumulated case loads the statewide percentage of utilization of civil court was exceeded.

**CIVIL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF
IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS
BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS**

January 1, 1968 — December 31, 1968

	Pending 1/1/68	Filed	Jury	Disposed of Judge	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/68	Gain or Loss
<i>1ST DISTRICT</i>								
Camden	17	5	1	1	4	6	16 —	1
Chowan	31	8	0	4	7	11	28 —	3
Currituck	26	6	1	2	9	12	20 —	6
Dare	35	15	0	6	4	10	40 +	5
Gates	23	6	6	3	1	10	19 —	4
Pasquotank	100	45	2	30	35	67	78 —	22
Perquimans	34	15	3	2	12	17	32 —	2
TOTAL —	266	100	13	48	72	133	233 —	33
<i>2ND DISTRICT</i>								
Beaufort	246	1,154	54	105	42	201	1,199 +	953
Hyde	35	31	7	34	12	53	13 —	22
Martin	218	186	45	69	250	364	40 —	178
Tyrrell								
Washington	61	54	3	29	65	97	18 —	43
TOTAL	560	1,425	109	237	369	715	1,270 +	710
<i>3RD DISTRICT</i>								
Carteret	590	382	15	213	567	795	177 —	413
Craven	634	1,370	5	283	1,604	1,892	112 —	522
Pamlico	73	38	9	30	65	104	7 —	66
Pitt	856	595	33	213	1,048	1,294	157 —	699
TOTAL	2,153	2,385	62	239	3,284	4,085	453 —	1,700
<i>4TH DISTRICT</i>								
Duplin	461	207	11	59	473	543	161 —	300
Jones	77	43	7	20	66	93	27 —	50
Onslow	268	519	51	311	332	694	166 —	102
Sampson	289	268	35	101	83	219	338 +	49
TOTAL	1,095	1,037	104	491	954	1,549	692 —	403
<i>5TH DISTRICT</i>								
New Hanover	1,687	793	145	397	1,669	2,211	269 —	1,418
Pender	416	180	4	25	513	542	54 —	362
TOTAL	2,103	973	149	422	2,182	2,753	323 —	1,780
<i>6TH DISTRICT</i>								
Bertie	123	69	6	19	37	62	130 +	7
Halifax	814	273	14	669	158	841	246 —	568
Hertford	234	155	36	34	291	361	28 —	206
Northampton	151	109	13	53	59	125	135 —	16
TOTAL	1,322	606	69	775	545	1,389	539 —	783

<i>7TH DISTRICT</i>	Pending 1/1/68	Filed	Jury	Disposed of Judge	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/68	Gain or Loss
Edgecombe	598	231	14	82	259	355	474	— 124
Nash	306	1,284	25	1,308	135	1,468	122	— 184
Wilson	425	252	33	128	451	612	180	— 245
TOTAL	1,329	1,767	72	1,518	845	2,435	776	— 553

8TH DISTRICT

Greene	66	33	1	8	62	71	28	— 38
Lenoir	1,243	684	46	223	373	642	1,285	+ 42
Wayne	633	654	36	329	757	1,122	165	— 468
TOTAL	1,942	1,371	83	560	1,192	1,835	1,478	— 464

9TH DISTRICT

Franklin	471	131	17	21	370	408	194	— 277
Granville	144	135	12	53	28	93	186	+ 42
Person	137	180	34	74	185	293	24	— 113
Vance	160	172	5	24	153	182	150	— 0
Warren	74	54	7	32	58	97	31	— 43
TOTAL	986	672	75	204	794	1,073	582	— 401

10TH DISTRICT

Wake	1,816	2,017	588	791	1,953	3,332	501	— 1,315
TOTAL	1,816	2,017	588	791	1,953	3,332	501	— 1,315

11TH DISTRICT

Lee	286	278	30	125	575	730	62	— 224
Harnett	1,817	299	27	108	1,757	1,892	224	— 1,593
Johnston	439	292	33	100	432	565	166	— 273
TOTAL	2,542	869	90	333	2,764	3,187	452	— 2,090

12TH DISTRICT

Cumberland	523	238	22	240	176	438	323	— 200
Hoke	50	11	3	4	4	11	50	0
TOTAL	573	249	25	244	180	449	373	— 200

13TH DISTRICT

Bladen	344	104	17	79	312	408	40	— 304
Brunswick	327	189	10	46	320	376	140	— 187
Columbus	861	473	49	508	514	1,071	263	— 598
TOTAL	1,532	766	76	633	1,146	1,855	443	— 1,089

14TH DISTRICT

Durham	793	160	47	115	135	297	656	— 137
TOTAL	793	160	47	115	135	297	656	— 137

15TH DISTRICT

Alamance	645	429	37	61	296	394	680	+ 35
Chatham	277	152	12	72	58	142	287	+ 10
Orange	350	181	33	149	270	452	79	— 271
TOTAL	1,272	762	82	282	624	988	1,046	— 226

	Pending 1/1/68	Filed	Jury	Disposed of Judge	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/68	Gain or Loss
16TH DISTRICT								
Robeson	402	71	13	189	168	370	103 —	299
Scotland	148	34	5	33	54	92	90 —	58
TOTAL	550	105	18	222	222	462	193 —	357

17TH DISTRICT

Caswell	20	42	3	17	30	50	12 —	8
Rockingham	457	504	75	265	110	450	511 +	54
Stokes	44	129	5	72	21	98	75 +	31
Surry	441	355	56	119	161	336	460 +	19
TOTAL	962	1,030	139	473	322	934	1,058 +	96

18TH DISTRICT

Guilford								
Greensboro	1,174	1,439	142	609	1,342	2,093	520 —	654
High Point	330	176	40	44	197	281	225 —	105
TOTAL	1,504	1,615	182	653	1,539	2,374	745 —	759

19TH DISTRICT

Cabarrus	559	823	67	380	365	812	570 +	11
Montgomery	53	76	6	36	43	85	44 —	9
Randolph	535	167	35	77	28	140	562 +	27
Rowan	490	396	17	372	188	577	309 —	181
TOTAL	1,637	1,462	125	865	624	1,614	1,485 —	152

20TH DISTRICT

Moore	712	243	30	144	608	782	173 —	539
Anson	111	67	9	41	102	152	26 —	85
Richmond	328	311	48	205	236	489	149 —	179
Stanly	101	103	7	31	106	144	60 —	41
Union	153	205	26	90	180	296	62 —	91
TOTAL	1,405	929	120	511	1,232	1,863	470 —	935

21ST DISTRICT

Forsyth	1,610	1,700	83	1,028	533	1,644	1,666 +	56
TOTAL	1,610	1,700	83	1,028	533	1,644	1,666 +	56

22ND DISTRICT

Alexander	47	53	4	31	23	58	42 —	5
Davidson	307	493	57	293	215	565	235 —	72
Davie	43	128	5	57	30	92	79 +	36
Iredell	743	504	33	205	353	591	656 —	87
TOTAL	1,140	1,178	99	586	621	1,306	1,012 —	128

23RD DISTRICT

Alleghany	19	48	5	16	16	37	30 +	11
Ashe	31	75	9	36	35	80	26 —	5
Wilkes	235	841	62	245	343	650	426 +	191
Yadkin	174	114	11	50	41	102	186 +	12
TOTAL	459	1,078	87	347	435	869	668 +	209

<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>	Pending 1/1/68	Filed	Jury	Disposed of Judge	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/68	Gain or Loss
Avery	15	45	7	16	24	47	13	— 2
Madison	41	59	4	36	9	49	51	+ 10
Mitchell	26	45	4	34	25	63	8	— 18
Watauga	51	71	8	35	51	94	28	— 23
Yancy	125	96	7	42	100	149	72	— 53
TOTAL	258	316	30	163	209	402	172	— 86

25TH DISTRICT

Catawba	195	74	10	29	24	63	206	+ 11
Burke	225	94	20	108	108	236	83	— 142
Caldwell	82	58	5	36	24	65	75	— 7
TOTAL	502	226	35	173	156	364	364	— 138

26TH DISTRICT

Mecklenburg	3,885	4,753	245	1,242	2,234	3,721	4,917	+ 1,032
TOTAL	3,885	4,753	245	1,242	2,234	3,721	4,917	+ 1,032

27TH DISTRICT

Cleveland	415	423	46	314	261	621	217	— 198
Gaston	797	1,341	103	747	839	1,689	449	— 348
Lincoln	89	157	21	184	22	227	19	— 70
TOTAL	1,301	1,921	170	1,245	1,122	2,537	685	— 616

28TH DISTRICT

Buncombe	547	739	120	565	139	824	462	— 85
TOTAL	547	739	120	565	139	824	462	— 85

29TH DISTRICT

Henderson	164	86	15	62	39	116	134	— 30
McDowell	207	202	22	60	77	159	250	+ 43
Polk								
Rutherford	93	224	40	137	31	208	109	+ 16
Transylvania	70	105	7	53	96	157	18	— 52
TOTAL	534	617	84	312	243	639	511	— 23

30TH DISTRICT

Cherokee	105	48	0	15	57	72	81	— 24
Clay	7	14	0	0	5	5	16	+ 9
Graham	59	10	1	6	1	8	61	+ 2
Haywood	195	46	8	33	47	88	153	— 42
Jackson	130	21	0	3	6	9	142	+ 12
Macon	50	32	2	6	8	16	66	+ 16
Swain	47	21	1	10	11	22	46	— 1
TOTAL	593	192	12	73	135	220	565	— 28
GRAND TOTAL	37,271	33,020	3,193	15,850	26,805	45,848	24,793	— 12,478

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UTILIZATION OF CIVIL COURT TERMS BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

1968 Calendar Year

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
<i><u>1ST DISTRICT</u></i>				
Camden	7	2½	4½	28.0
Chowan	5	2	3	40.
Currituck	10	9	1	90.
Dare	5	5	0	100.
Gates	10	8	2	80.
Pasquotank	30	13½	16½	22.2
Perquimans	5	3	2	60.
TOTAL	72	43	29	59.7
<i><u>2ND DISTRICT</u></i>				
Beaufort	65	56	9	86.2
Hyde	9	6	3	33.3
Martin	26½	18¾	7¾	70.8
Tyrrell	5	3	2	60.0
Washington	12	6	6	50.0
TOTAL	117½	89¾	27¾	76.4
<i><u>3RD DISTRICT</u></i>				
Carteret	48	39	9	81.3
Craven	43	33	10	76.7
Pamlico	10	6	4	60.0
Pitt	40	31	9	77.5
TOTAL	141	109	32	77.3
<i><u>4TH DISTRICT</u></i>				
Duplin	25	19	6	76.0
Jones	13	6	7	46.2
Onslow	51	30	21	58.8
Sampson	50	29½	20½	59.0
TOTAL	139	84½	54½	60.8
<i><u>5TH DISTRICT</u></i>				
New Hanover	150	132	18	88.0
Pender	10	7	3	70.0
TOTAL	160	139	21	86.9
<i><u>6TH DISTRICT</u></i>				
Bertie	18	17	1	94.4
Halifax	50	32	18	64.0
Hertford	13½	10	3½	74.1
Northampton	15	9	6	60.0
TOTAL	96½	68	28½	70.5

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>				
Edgecombe	24	18½	5½	77.1
Nash	70	60	10	85.7
Wilson	53	41½	11½	78.3
TOTAL	147	120	27	81.6
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>				
Greene	11	4	7	36.4
Lenoir	81	65	16	80.2
Wayne	74	67	7	90.5
TOTAL	166	136	30	81.9
<u>9TH DISTRICT</u>				
Franklin	22	20	2	90.9
Granville	29	23	6	79.3
Person	40	34	6	85.0
Vance	30	28	2	93.3
Warren	15	9	6	60.0
TOTAL	136	114	22	83.8
<u>10TH DISTRICT</u>				
Wake	320	277½	42½	86.7
TOTAL	320	277½	42½	86.7
<u>11TH DISTRICT</u>				
Harnett	89	71	18	79.8
Lee	53	41	12	77.4
Johnston	90	57	33	63.3
TOTAL	232	169	63	72.8
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>				
Cumberland	122½	108½	14	88.6
Hoke	10	7½	2½	75.0
TOTAL	132½	116	16½	87.5
<u>13TH DISTRICT</u>				
Bladen	16½	15	1½	90.9
Brunswick	40	29½	10½	73.8
Columbus	72	52	20	72.2
TOTAL	128½	96½	32	75.1
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>				
Durham	132	119	13	90.2
TOTAL	132	119	13	90.2
<u>15TH DISTRICT</u>				
Alamance	79	65½	13½	82.9
Chatham	25	17	8	68.0
Orange	50	39	11	78.0
TOTAL	154	121½	32½	78.9

16TH DISTRICT

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
Robeson	48	29	19	60.4
Scotland	10	8	2	80.0
TOTAL	58	37	21	63.8

17TH DISTRICT

Caswell	10	5	5	50.0
Rockingham	74	59	15	79.7
Stokes	11	6	5	54.5
Surry	47	37	10	78.7
TOTAL	142	107	35	75.4

18TH DISTRICT

Guilford	377	328	49	87.0
TOTAL	377	328	49	87.0

19TH DISTRICT

Cabarrus	76	67	9	88.2
Montgomery	10	9	1	90.0
Randolph	105	92½	12½	88.1
Rowan	62	62	0	100.0
TOTAL	253	230½	22½	90.9

20TH DISTRICT

Anson	19	11½	7½	60.5
Moore	25	22	3	88.0
Richmond	60	48	12	80.0
Stanley	15	12	3	80.0
Union	16½	15	1½	90.9
TOTAL	135½	108½	27	80.1

21ST DISTRICT

Forsyth	302	283	19	93.7
TOTAL	302	283	19	93.7

22ND DISTRICT

Alexander	7	6	1	85.7
Davidson	118	92	26	78.0
Davie	13	9	4	69.2
Iredell	27	23	4	85.2
TOTAL	165	130	35	80.0

23RD DISTRICT

Alleghany	10	3	7	30.0
Ashe	5	4	1	80.0
Wilkes	65	54	11	83.1
Yadkin	17	14½	2½	85.3
TOTAL	97	75½	21½	77.8

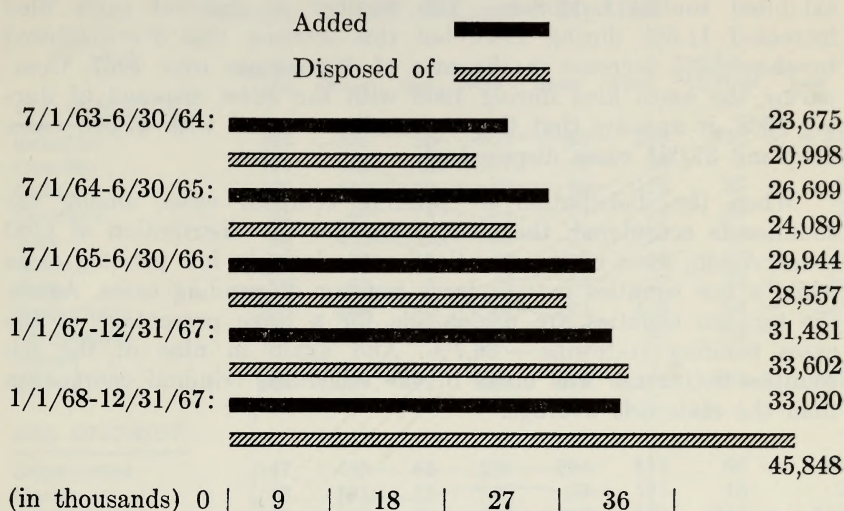
	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	% Used
<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>				
Avery	8	3	5	37.5
Madison	34	15	19	44.1
Mitchell	9	8½	½	94.4
Watauga	10	6	4	60.0
Yancey	15	10	5	67.7
TOTAL	76	42½	33½	55.9
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>				
Burke	35	30	5	85.7
Caldwell	40	29	11	72.5
Catawba	43	38	5	88.4
TOTAL	118	97	21	82.2
<u>26TH DISTRICT</u>				
Mecklenburg	558	499	59	89.4
TOTAL	558	499	59	89.4
<u>27TH DISTRICT</u>				
Cleveland	32½	27	5½	83.1
Gaston	188	158	30	84.0
Lincoln	18	15½	2½	86.1
TOTAL	238½	200½	38	84.1
<u>28TH DISTRICT</u>				
Buncombe	298	280	18	94.0
TOTAL	298	280	18	94.0
<u>29TH DISTRICT</u>				
Henderson	40	37½	2½	93.8
McDowell	20	17	3	85.0
Polk	10	6½	3½	65.0
Rutherford	39	38	1	97.4
Transylvania	15	13	2	86.7
TOTAL	124	112	12	90.3
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>				
Cherokee	5	3	2	60.0
Clay				
Graham	13	6	7	46.2
Haywood	30	15	15	50.0
Jackson	10	6	4	60.0
Macon	13	7	6	63.8
Swain	7	1½	5½	21.4
TOTAL	78	38½	39½	49.4
GRAND TOTAL	5,294	4,371¾	922¼	82.6

TEN COUNTIES WITH LARGEST CIVIL DOCKETS

County	Pending 1-1-68	Added	Disposed of	Pending 12-31-68	Utilization of Court
Mecklenburg	3,885	4,753	3,721	4,917	89.4%
Forsyth	1,610	1,700	1,644	1,666	93.7%
Lenoir	1,243	684	642	1,285	80.2%
Beaufort	246	1,154	201	1,199	86.2%
Guilford	1,504	1,615	2,374	745	87.0%
Alamance	645	429	394	680	82.9%
Durham	793	160	297	656	90.2%
Iredell	743	504	591	656	85.2%
Cabarrus	559	823	812	570	88.2%
Randolph	535	167	140	562	88.1%
State Mean		320	438	250	82.6%

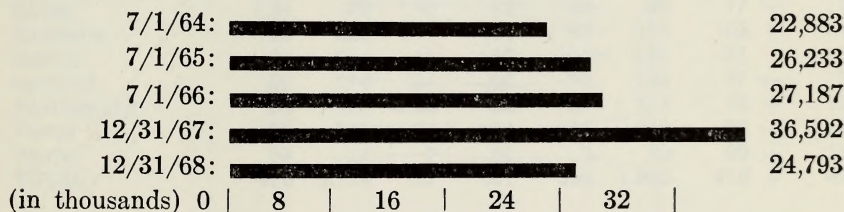
CIVIL CASES ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1963 - December 31, 1968



CIVIL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1964 - December 31, 1968



DISTRIBUTION OF PENDING CIVIL CASES AMONG THE COUNTIES

Number of Cases

Number of Counties

1967

1968

Less than 50	50-100	101-200	201-500	Over 500
18	15	15	29	21
30	16	23	17	12

CRIMINAL DOCKETS

Although the civil dockets were largely responsible for the major shifts in trends in the superior courts, the criminal dockets exhibited similar tendencies. The number of criminal cases filed increased 11.6% during 1968, but this increase was overshadowed by the 16.3% increase in the rate of dispositions over 1967. Comparing the cases filed during 1968 with the cases disposed of during 1968, it appears that they were almost equal with 37,095 cases filed and 37,031 cases disposed of.

When the distribution of pending criminal cases among the counties is considered, the chart resembles the distribution of civil cases. Again, most of the counties have relatively few pending cases while a few counties have a large number of pending cases. Again, the top ten counties are responsible for a large percentage of the cases pending statewide—36.7%. And again in nine of the ten counties better use was made of the scheduled criminal court days than the statewide average.

**CRIMINAL CASES PENDING, ADDED, AND
DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS
BY SOLICITORIAL DISTRICTS**

January 1, 1968 - December 31, 1968

<i>1ST DISTRICT</i>	Pending 1/1/68	Filed	Jury	Disposed of Plea	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/68	Gain or Loss	
Beaufort	94	276	34	159	62	255	115	+	21
Camden	11	15	5	7	7	19	7	—	4
Chowan	30	133	16	43	65	124	39	+	9
Currituck	35	40	14	24	11	49	26	—	9
Dare	42	118	19	57	26	102	58	+	16
Gates	33	72	13	43	12	68	37	+	4
Hyde	19	57	3	5	14	22	54	+	35
Pasquotank	255	242	30	136	277	443	54	—	201
Perquimans	62	48	22	22	43	87	23	—	39
Tyrrell									
TOTAL	581	1,001	156	496	517	1,169	413	—	168

2ND DISTRICT

Edgecombe	147	438	65	230	224	519	66	—	81
Martin	15	181	15	109	57	181	15		0
Nash	102	638	22	299	200	521	219	+	117
Washington	3	24	4	5	6	15	12	+	9
Wilson	140	543	60	347	161	568	107	—	33
TOTAL	407	1,824	166	990	648	1,804	419	+	12

3RD DISTRICT

Bertie	34	79	10	42	44	96	17	—	17
Granville	59	222	14	103	61	178	103	+	44
Halifax	37	266	12	150	104	266	37		0
Hertford	52	114	24	68	32	124	47	—	5
Northampton	36	133	16	54	51	121	48	+	12
Vance	98	240	24	124	101	249	89	—	9
Warren	54	74	7	50	2	59	69	+	15
TOTAL	370	1,128	107	591	395	1,093	410	+	40

4TH DISTRICT

Lee	95	191	16	120	85	221	65	—	30
Harnett	86	266	15	41	181	237	115	+	29
Johnston	50	323	14	117	88	219	154	+	104
Wayne	148	593	36	454	146	636	105	—	43
TOTAL	379	1,373	81	732	500	1,313	439	+	60

5TH DISTRICT

Carteret	215	248	15	54	124	193	270	+	55
Craven	266	433	11	151	182	344	355	+	89
Greene	43	104	13	49	75	137	10	—	33
Jones	20	40	10	17	18	45	15	—	5
Pamlico	28	19	2	10	17	29	18	—	10
Pitt	304	731	40	324	426	790	245	—	59
TOTAL	876	1,575	91	605	842	1,538	913	+	37

	Pending 1/1/68	Filed	Jury	Disposed of Plea	Other	Total	Pending 12/31/68	Gain or Loss
6TH DISTRICT								
Duplin	59	132	7	107	24	138	64 +	5
Lenoir	102	489	79	190	202	471	120 +	18
Onslow	64	332	45	137	150	332	64	0
Sampson	72	338	34	183	117	334	76 +	4
TOTAL	297	1,291	165	617	493	1,275	324 +	27

7TH DISTRICT

Franklin	46	81	13	28	16	57	70 +	24
Wake	415	1,206	139	514	388	1,041	580 +	165
TOTAL	461	1,287	152	542	404	1,098	650 +	189

8TH DISTRICT

Brunswick	32	34	6	30	17	53	6 —	26
Columbus	36	320	26	252	20	298	58 +	22
New Hanover	419	1,191	38	603	702	1,343	267 —	152
Pender	56	85	8	73	24	105	36 —	20
TOTAL	543	1,630	78	958	763	1,799	367 —	176

9TH DISTRICT

Cumberland	201	969	151	303	415	869	301 +	100
Hoke	75	114	33	48	31	112	77 +	2
TOTAL	276	1,083	184	351	446	981	378 +	102

9TH-A DISTRICT

Bladen	153	144	27	43	166	236	61 —	92
Robeson	99	603	124	284	120	528	174 +	75
TOTAL	252	747	151	327	286	764	235 —	17

10TH DISTRICT

Durham	400	656	111	376	308	795	261 —	139
TOTAL	400	656	111	376	308	795	261 —	139

10TH-A DISTRICT

Alamance	194	508	92	299	208	599	103 —	91
Chatham	85	140	38	67	23	128	97 +	12
Orange	72	263	42	154	90	286	42 —	30
Person	79	244	35	135	94	264	59 —	20
TOTAL	430	1,155	207	655	415	1,277	301 —	129

11TH DISTRICT

Alleghany	23	229	3	127	72	202	50 +	27
Ashe	95	257	5	266	43	314	38 —	57
Forsyth	190	1,221	158	663	555	1,376	35 —	155
TOTAL	308	1,707	166	1,056	670	1,892	123 —	185

<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>	Pending 1/1/68	Filed	Jury	Disposed Plea	of Other	Total	Pending 12/31/68	Gain or Loss	
Davidson	296	418	26	123	176	325	389	+	93
Guilford									
Greensboro	424	1,577	130	764	627	1,521	480	+	56
High Point	170	539	59	311	199	569	140	—	30
TOTAL	890	2,534	215	1,198	1,002	2,415	1,009	+	119

13TH DISTRICT

Anson	31	113	4	55	15	74	70	+	39
Moore	102	302	25	148	102	275	129	+	27
Richmond	20	338	29	174	63	266	92	+	72
Scotland	59	181	19	110	82	211	29	—	30
Stanly	45	231	9	222	19	250	26	—	19
Union	139	216	25	145	49	219	136	—	3
TOTAL	396	1,381	111	854	330	1,295	482	+	86

14TH DISTRICT

Gaston	392	977	164	487	453	1,104	265	—	127
TOTAL	392	977	164	487	453	1,104	265	—	127

14TH-A DISTRICT

Mecklenburg	594	2,310	210	1,659	722	2,591	313	—	281
TOTAL	594	2,310	210	1,659	722	2,591	313	—	281

15TH DISTRICT

Alexander	55	104	4	107	0	111	48	—	7
Cabarrus	158	944	56	346	302	704	398	+	240
Iredell	334	1,191	71	425	476	972	553	+	219
Montgomery	34	107	22	56	27	105	36	+	2
Randolph	226	403	31	120	143	294	335	+	109
Rowan	219	632	32	220	114	366	485	+	266
TOTAL	1,026	3,381	216	1,274	1,062	2,552	1,855	+	829

16TH DISTRICT

Burke	175	533	35	191	249	475	233	+	58
Caldwell	199	406	53	204	118	375	230	+	31
Catawba	307	1,084	74	598	204	876	515	+	208
Cleveland	300	411	50	230	198	478	233	—	67
Lincoln	22	107	9	66	7	82	47	+	25
Watauga	221	1,012	3	799	375	1,177	56	—	165
TOTAL	1,224	3,553	224	2,088	1,151	3,463	1,314	+	90

17TH DISTRICT

Avery	84	689	7	150	591	748	25	—	59
Davie	46	120	7	39	55	101	65	+	19
Mitchell	142	209	8	111	209	328	23	—	119
Wilkes	50	286	48	98	130	276	60	+	10
Yadkin	12	56	7	42	6	55	13	+	1
TOTAL	334	1,360	77	440	991	1,508	186	—	148

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1ST DISTRICT

Beaufort	45	41	4	91.1
Camden	8	4½	3½	73.3
Chowan	14	13½	½	96.4
Currituck	9	7½	1½	83.3
Dare	14	11½	2½	82.1
Gates	10	8	2	80.0
Hyde	6	6	0	100.0
Pasquotank	30	25½	4½	85.0
Perquimans	15	11	4	73.3
Tyrrell	4	4	0	100.0
TOTAL	155	132½	22½	85.5

2ND DISTRICT

Edgecombe	49	42	7	85.7
Martin	16½	14	2½	84.8
Nash	43	40	3	93.0
Washington	8	2	6	25.0
Wilson	59	47½	11½	80.5
TOTAL	175½	145½	30	83.0

3RD DISTRICT

Bertie	20	19	1	95.0
Granville	15	13	2	86.6
Halifax	30	25½	4½	85.0
Hertford	20½	19	1½	92.7
Northampton	15	15	0	100.0
Vance	25	22	3	88.0
Warren	15	11	4	73.3
TOTAL	140½	124½	15	88.6

4TH DISTRICT

Harnett	30	18½	11½	61.7
Johnston	35	24	11	68.6
Lee	20	15	5	75.0
Wayne	60	53	7	88.3
TOTAL	145	110½	34½	76.2

5TH DISTRICT

Carteret	15	13	2	86.6
Craven	49	41	8	83.7
Greene	19	13	6	68.4
Jones	10	7½	2½	75.0
Pamlico	10	5	5	50.0
Pitt	59	54	5	91.5
TOTAL	162	133½	28½	82.4

6TH DISTRICT

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	%
Duplin	30	18	12	60.0
Lenoir	45	33	12	73.3
Onslow	38	30	8	78.9
Sampson	28	24	4	85.7
TOTAL	141	105	36	74.4

7TH DISTRICT

Franklin	23	23	0	100.0
Wake	226	223	3	98.7
TOTAL	249	246	3	99.8

8TH DISTRICT

Brunswick	15	10½	4½	70.0
Columbus	35	30½	4½	87.1
New Hanover	80	77½	2½	96.8
Pender	18	17	1	94.4
TOTAL	148	135½	12½	91.6

9TH DISTRICT

Cumberland	161½	159½	2	98.8
Hoke	20	16	4	80.0
TOTAL	181½	175½	6	96.7

9TH-A DISTRICT

Bladen	17½	17	½	97.1
Robeson	97	94	3	96.9
TOTAL	114½	111	3½	96.9

10TH DISTRICT

Durham	158	154	4	97.5
TOTAL	158	154	4	97.5

10TH-A DISTRICT

Alamance	64	61	3	95.3
Chatham	17	16½	½	97.1
Orange	35	32	3	91.4
Person	20	17	3	85.0
TOTAL	136	126½	9½	93.0

11TH DISTRICT

Alleghany	10	5½	4½	55.0
Ashe	15	9½	5½	63.3
Forsyth	166	159	7	95.8
TOTAL	191	174	17	91.1

12TH DISTRICT

Davidson	43	52	—9	120.9
Guilford	248	237½	10½	95.8
TOTAL	291	289½	1½	99.5

13TH DISTRICT

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	%
Anson	20	7½	12½	37.5
Moore	20	19	1	95.0
Richmond	20	17	3	85.0
Scotland	20	20	0	100.0
Stanley	14	13	1	92.9
Union	23½	21½	2	91.5
TOTAL	117½	98	19½	83.4

14TH DISTRICT

Gaston	170	161	9	94.7
TOTAL	170	161	9	94.7

14TH-A DISTRICT

Mecklenburg	330	299	31	90.6
TOTAL	330	299	31	90.6

15TH DISTRICT

Alexander	8	5	3	62.5
Cabarrus	42	41	1	97.6
Iredell	50	47½	2½	95.0
Montgomery	20	14	6	70.0
Randolph	23	22	1	95.7
Rowan	40	40	0	100.0
TOTAL	183	169½	13½	92.6

16TH DISTRICT

Burke	43	40	3	93.0
Caldwell	55	53	2	96.4
Catawba	65	64	1	98.4
Cleveland	30½	30	½	98.4
Lincoln	12	9	3	75.0
Watauga	15	13	2	86.7
TOTAL	220½	209	11½	94.8

17TH DISTRICT

Avery	7	5	2	71.4
Davie	16	10	6	62.5
Mitchell	10	9	1	90.0
Wilkes	35	24	11	68.6
Yadkin	20	13½	6½	67.5
TOTAL	88	61½	26½	69.9

18TH DISTRICT

Henderson	30	26½	3½	88.3
McDowell	39	34	5	87.2
Polk	15	14	1	93.3
Rutherford	30	30	0	100.0
Transylvania	25	23	2	92.0
Yancey	13	10	3	76.9
TOTAL	152	137½	14½	90.5

19TH DISTRICT

	Days Scheduled	Days Held	Days Unused	%
Buncombe	214	195½	18½	91.4
Madison	20	12	8	60.0
TOTAL	234	207½	26½	88.7

20TH DISTRICT

Cherokee	20	11	9	55.0
Clay	10	2	8	20.0
Graham	7	2	5	28.6
Haywood	33	27	6	81.8
Jackson	26	17	9	65.4
Macon	11	4	7	36.4
Swain	13	5	8	38.5
TOTAL	120	68	52	56.7

21ST DISTRICT

Caswell	10	4½	5½	45.0
Rockingham	65	53½	11½	82.3
Stokes	14	9	5	64.3
Surry	43	29	14	67.4
TOTAL	132	96	36	72.7
GRAND TOTAL	4,134	3,670½	463½	88.9

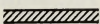
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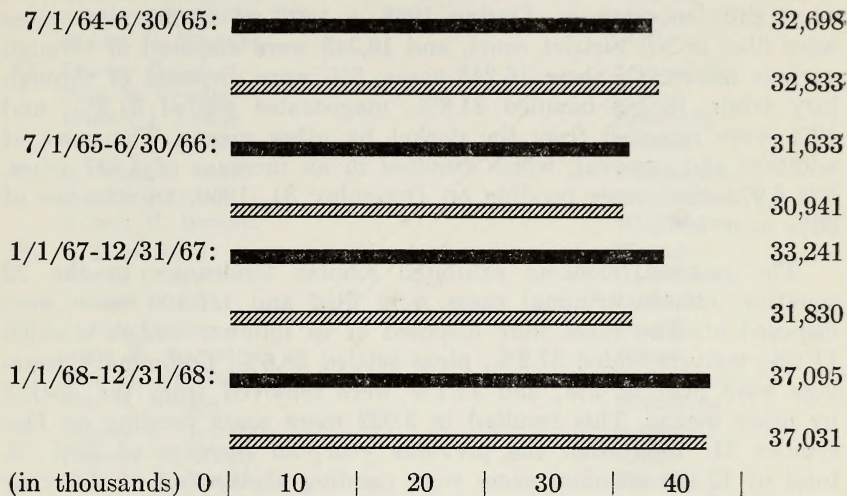
County	Pending 1-1-68	Added	Disposed of	Pending 12-31-68	Utilization of Court
Guilford	594	2,116	2,090	620	95.8%
Wake	415	1,206	1,041	580	98.7%
Iredell	334	1,191	972	553	95.0%
Catawba	307	1,084	876	515	98.4%
Rowan	219	632	366	485	100.0%
Cabarrus	158	944	704	398	97.6%
Davidson	296	418	325	389	120.9%
Craven	266	433	344	355	83.7%
Randolph	226	403	294	335	95.7%
Mecklenburg	594	2,310	2,591	313	90.6%
State Mean		370	371	120	88.9%

CRIMINAL CASES ADDED, AND DISPOSED OF IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1964 - December 31, 1968

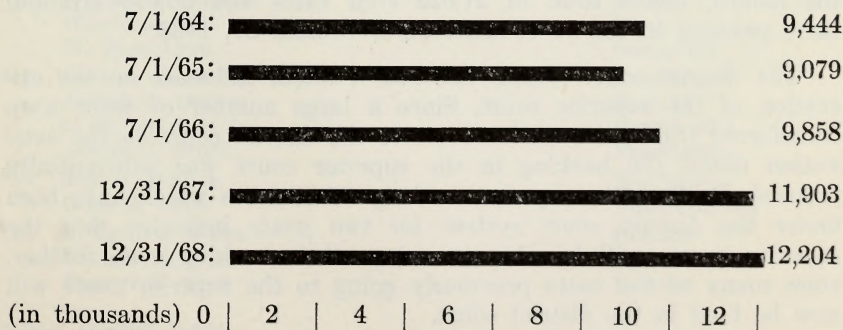
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CRIMINAL CASES PENDING IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1964 - December 31, 1968



DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

The year 1968 marked another step in the orderly transition toward the operation of district courts in all 100 counties. The original 22 counties experienced their second full year of operation, and the district court was activated in 61 additional counties on December 2, 1968. The remaining 17 counties are preparing for their district courts which will be activated on December 7, 1970.

Examination of the initial 22 counties reveals how the district court division operates. During 1968, a total of 18,099 civil cases were filed in the district court, and 16,243 were disposed of through various means. Of these 16,243 cases, 5% were disposed of through jury trials, judges handled 31.8%, magistrates settled 51.2%, and 12% were removed from the docket by other means. The rates of addition and removal, which resulted in an increase of 1,847 cases, left 6,972 civil cases pending on December 31, 1968, an increase of 36% over 1967.

The criminal dockets exhibited similar tendencies in the 22 counties. 138,431 criminal cases were filed and 135,406 cases were disposed of. The cases were disposed of as follows: Judges decided 11.1%, waivers ended 37.2%, pleas settled 38.6%, preliminary hearings were held in 2%, and 11.1% were removed from the docket by other means. This resulted in 3,022 more cases pending on December 31, 1968 than the previous year, an increase of 33%. A total of 12,188 criminal cases were pending at the end of the year in these 22 counties.

The second group of 61 counties began operating under the district court system on December 2, 1968, after the election of judges and the appointment of Chief Judges, prosecutors, and magistrates. On that date civil cases involving \$5,000 or less and misdemeanors were transferred from the superior court and the local inferior courts to the district court. These transfers and the additional filings during December, less the cases disposed of during the month, left a total of 21,522 civil cases and 30,975 criminal cases pending in the 61 counties on December 31, 1968.

The district court system has had a major influence on the operation of the superior court. Since a large number of cases were transferred from the superior court to the district court on the activation dates, the backlog in the superior court was substantially reduced. Further, the experience of the 22 counties which have been under the district court system for two years indicates that the superior courts will be able to reduce their backlog even further, since many of the cases previously going to the superior court will now be filed in the district court.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS BY DISTRICT

Judges

*1.	Fentress Horner William S. Privott	Elizabeth City Edenton
*2.	Hallett S. Ward Charles H. Manning	Washington Williamston
*3.	J. W. H. Roberts Charles H. Whedbee Herbert O. Phillips, III Robert D. Wheeler	Greenville Greenville Morehead City Grifton
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*30.	F. E. Alley, Jr. Robert J. Leatherwood, III	Waynesville Bryson City

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| *3. Eli Bloom | Greenville |
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*Chief Prosecutor

PENDING CIVIL CASES IN DISTRICT COURT

	Pending 1-1-68	Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12-31-68	Gain or Loss
<i><u>1ST DISTRICT</u></i>					
Camden	16	57	57	16	0
Chowan	23	139	141	21	— 2
Currituck	5	62	60	7	+ 2
Dare	16	112	89	39	+ 23
Gates	15	167	156	26	+ 11
Pasquotank	71	479	435	115	+ 44
Perquimans	20	103	77	46	+ 26
TOTAL	166	1,119	1,015	270	+ 104
<i><u>12TH DISTRICT</u></i>					
Cumberland	1,214	3,578	3,467	1,325	+ 111
Hoke	84	299	284	99	+ 15
TOTAL	1,298	3,877	3,751	1,424	+ 126
<i><u>14TH DISTRICT</u></i>					
Durham	1,190	4,754	3,838	2,106	+ 916
TOTAL	1,190	4,754	3,838	2,106	+ 916
<i><u>16TH DISTRICT</u></i>					
Robeson	731	3,013	2,733	1,011	+ 280
Scotland	252	624	576	300	+ 48
TOTAL	983	3,637	3,309	1,311	+ 328
<i><u>25TH DISTRICT</u></i>					
Burke	270	866	892	244	— 26
Caldwell	431	1,037	920	548	+ 117
Catawba	397	1,856	1,687	566	+ 169
TOTAL	1,098	3,759	3,499	1,358	+ 260
<i><u>30TH DISTRICT</u></i>					
Cherokee	73	161	149	85	+ 12
Clay	16	52	35	33	+ 17
Graham	27	33	22	38	+ 11
Haywood	88	360	361	87	— 1
Jackson	115	125	106	134	+ 19
Macon	40	124	87	68	+ 28
Swain	31	98	71	58	+ 27
TOTAL	390	953	831	503	+ 113
GRAND TOTAL	5,125	18,099	16,243	6,972	+ 1,847

DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES BY COUNTIES IN DISTRICT COURT

	By Jury	By Judge	By Magistrate	Other	Total
<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>					
Camden	0	14	38	5	57
Chowan	9	32	86	14	141
Currituck	0	8	32	20	60
Dare	4	27	48	10	89
Gates	2	11	128	15	156
Pasquotank	21	132	220	62	435
Perquimans	8	19	26	24	77
TOTAL	352	8,729	8,653	428	+ 76
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>					
Cumberland	154	1,647	1,324	342	3,467
Hoke	15	96	114	59	284
TOTAL	169	1,743	1,438	401	3,751
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>					
Durham	398	1,176	1,818	446	3,838
TOTAL	398	1,176	1,818	446	3,838
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>					
Robeson	42	491	1,920	280	2,733
Scotland	11	166	308	91	576
TOTAL	53	657	2,228	371	3,309
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>					
Burke	33	226	478	155	892
Caldwell	32	243	601	44	920
Catawba	40	595	830	222	1,687
TOTAL	105	1,064	1,909	421	3,499
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>					
Cherokee	2	35	67	45	149
Clay	3	5	25	2	35
Graham	1	19	2	0	22
Haywood	18	128	174	41	361
Jackson	5	37	39	25	106
Macon	8	33	29	17	87
Swain	6	21	15	29	71
TOTAL	43	278	351	159	831
GRAND TOTAL	812	5,161	8,322	1,948	16,243
Per cent	5.0	31.8	51.2	12.0	100.0

PENDING CRIMINAL CASES IN DISTRICT COURT

	Pending 1-1-68	Filed	Disposed of	Pending 12-31-68	Gain or Loss	
<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>						
Camden	37	367	377	27	—	10
Chowan	101	1,468	1,464	105	+	4
Currituck	7	1,135	1,107	35	+	28
Dare	27	1,422	1,388	61	+	34
Gates	18	1,341	1,309	50	+	32
Pasquotank	91	1,877	1,898	70	—	21
Perquimans	71	1,119	1,110	80	+	9
TOTAL	352	8,729	8,653	428	+	76
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>						
Cumberland	1,217	33,681	33,247	1,651	+	434
Hoke	149	2,407	2,343	213	+	64
TOTAL	1,366	36,088	35,590	1,864	+	498
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>						
Durham	707	19,976	19,866	817	+	110
TOTAL	707	19,976	19,866	817	+	110
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>						
Robeson	969	15,626	15,451	1,144	+	175
Scotland	202	5,088	4,984	306	+	104
TOTAL	1,171	20,714	20,435	1,450	+	279
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>						
Burke	296	9,210	8,353	1,153	+	857
Caldwell	946	8,602	7,944	1,604	+	658
Catawba	3,736	21,024	20,845	3,915	+	179
TOTAL	4,978	38,836	37,142	6,672	+	1,694
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>						
Cherokee	57	1,933	1,773	217	+	160
Clay	26	714	713	27	+	1
Graham	59	853	827	85	+	26
Haywood	285	5,864	5,772	377	+	92
Jackson	76	1,968	1,919	125	+	49
Macon	49	1,206	1,188	64	+	15
Swain	40	1,550	1,528	62	+	22
TOTAL	592	14,088	13,720	957	+	365
GRAND TOTAL	9,166	138,431	135,406	12,188	+	3,022

DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASES BY COUNTIES IN DISTRICT COURT

<i>1ST DISTRICT</i>	Judge	Plea	Waiver	Prelim. Hearing	Other	Total
Camden	78	128	155	2	14	377
Chowan	206	438	521	108	191	1,464
Currituck	271	460	291	18	67	1,107
Dare	133	542	496	107	110	1,388
Gates	158	178	910	24	39	1,309
Pasquotank	202	651	596	217	232	1,898
Perquimans	133	251	655	12	59	1,110
TOTAL	1,181	2,648	3,624	488	712	8,653
<i>12TH DISTRICT</i>						
Cumberland	3,820	13,912	10,862	394	4,259	33,247
Hoke	267	777	988	44	267	2,343
TOTAL	4,087	14,689	11,850	438	4,526	35,590
<i>14TH DISTRICT</i>						
Durham	2,602	11,390	3,922	316	1,636	19,866
TOTAL	2,602	11,390	3,922	316	1,636	19,866
<i>16TH DISTRICT</i>						
Robeson	1,185	6,202	4,942	257	2,865	15,451
Scotland	470	2,129	1,648	99	638	4,984
TOTAL	1,655	8,331	6,590	356	3,503	20,435
<i>25TH DISTRICT</i>						
Burke	1,230	2,542	3,775	150	656	8,353
Caldwell	675	2,909	3,562	429	369	7,944
Catawba	1,401	5,820	11,954	266	1,404	20,845
TOTAL	3,306	11,271	19,291	845	2,429	37,142
<i>30TH DISTRICT</i>						
Cherokee	671	298	698	20	86	1,773
Clay	175	90	402	15	31	713
Graham	201	286	340	0	0	827
Haywood	773	1,724	2,427	75	773	5,772
Jackson	52	251	577	54	985	1,919
Macon	141	169	588	7	283	1,188
Swain	173	1,057	116	39	143	1,528
TOTAL	2,186	3,875	5,148	210	2,301	13,720
GRAND TOTAL	15,017	52,204	50,425	2,653	15,107	135,406
Per cent	11.1	38.6	37.2	2.0	11.1	100.0

DAYS OF DISTRICT COURT IN VARIOUS SEATS OF COURT

<u>1ST DISTRICT</u>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Camden <i>Camden</i>	6	12	18
Edenton <i>Chowan</i>	3	48	51
Currituck	1 1/2	22 1/2	24
Manteo <i>Dare</i>	10	45	55
Gatesville <i>Gates</i>	6	26	32
Elizabeth City <i>Beaufort</i>	21	47 1/2	68 1/2
Hertford <i>Perquimans</i>	5 1/2	38	43 1/2
TOTAL	53	239	292
<u>12TH DISTRICT</u>			
Fayetteville	279 1/2	367 1/2	647
Raeform	21	41	62
TOTAL	300 1/2	408 1/2	709
<u>14TH DISTRICT</u>			
Durham	315	420	735
TOTAL	315	420	735
<u>16TH DISTRICT</u>			
Fairmont	0	45 1/2	45 1/2
Laurinburg <i>-Scotland</i>	80 1/2	96	126 1/2
Lumberton	106 1/2	184 1/2	291
Maxton	0	68 1/2	68 1/2
Red Springs <i>Polk</i>	0	36	36
Rowland	0	24 1/2	24 1/2
St. Pauls	0	49 1/2	49 1/2
TOTAL	137	504 1/2	641 1/2
<u>25TH DISTRICT</u>			
Hickory <i>Catawba</i>	42 1/2	143	185 1/2
Lenoir <i>Calhoun</i>	54	141	195
Morganton <i>Burke</i>	51	111	162
Newton <i>Catawba</i>	44 1/2	100	144 1/2
TOTAL	192	495	687
<u>30TH DISTRICT</u>			
Bryson City <i>Swain</i>	6	20 1/2	26 1/2
Franklin <i>Macon</i>	4 1/2	17 1/2	22
Hayesville <i>Way</i>	1	18	19
Murphy <i>Cherokee</i>	3	33	36
Robbinsville <i>Union</i>	0	16	16
Sylva <i>Jackson</i>	2	27	29
Waynesville <i>Wayne</i>	18	106	124
TOTAL	34 1/2	238	272 1/2
GRAND TOTAL	1,032	2,305	3,337

**CASES PENDING IN COUNTIES IN WHICH DISTRICT
COURT ACTIVATED DECEMBER, 1968**

	Civil	Criminal	Total
<u>2ND DISTRICT</u>			
Beaufort	25	213	238
Hyde	50	105	155
Martin	127	120	247
Tyrrell	9	3	12
Washington	43	9	52
TOTAL	254	450	104
<u>3RD DISTRICT</u>			
Carteret	488	0	488
Craven	1,377	241	1,618
Pamlico	69	41	110
Pitt	821	885	1,706
TOTAL	2,755	1,167	3,922
<u>4TH DISTRICT</u>			
Duplin	436	482	918
Jones	24	41	65
Onslow	177	330	507
Sampson	268	409	677
TOTAL	905	1,262	2,167
<u>5TH DISTRICT</u>			
New Hanover	942	1,339	2,281
Pender	312	28	340
TOTAL	1,254	1,367	2,621
<u>6TH DISTRICT</u>			
Bertie	48	50	98
Halifax	223	121	344
Hertford	244	80	324
Northampton	18	38	56
TOTAL	533	289	822
<u>7TH DISTRICT</u>			
Edgecombe	284	388	672
Nash	653	182	835
Wilson	704	1,400	2,104
TOTAL	1,641	1,970	3,611
<u>8TH DISTRICT</u>			
Greene	28	184	212
Lenoir	1,329	459	1,788
Wayne	452	586	1,038
TOTAL	1,809	1,229	3,038

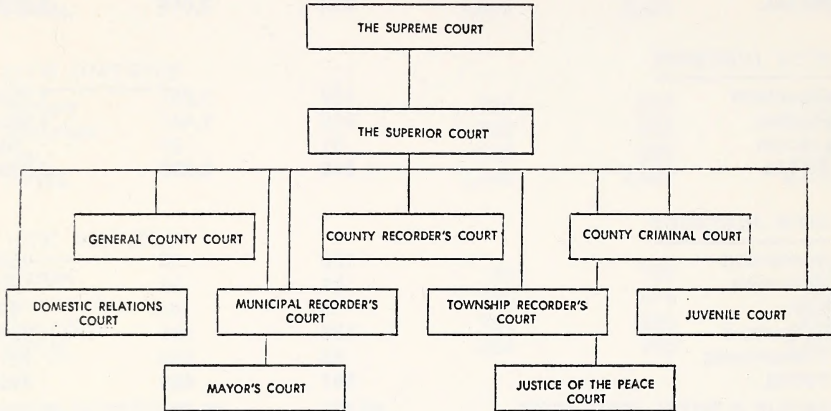
<i>9TH DISTRICT</i>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Franklin	317	387	704
Granville	90	178	268
Person	105	194	299
Vance	171	231	402
Warren	48	31	79
TOTAL	731	1,021	1,752
<i>10TH DISTRICT</i>			
Wake	1,053	7,259	8,312
TOTAL	1,053	7,259	8,312
<i>11TH DISTRICT</i>			
Harnett	710	612	1,322
Johnston	395	652	1,047
Lee	340	223	563
TOTAL	1,445	1,487	2,932
<i>13TH DISTRICT</i>			
Bladen	86	135	221
Brunswick	216	378	594
Columbus	352	280	632
TOTAL	654	793	1,447
<i>15TH DISTRICT</i>			
Alamance	17	437	454
Chatham	330	217	547
Orange	140	872	1,012
TOTAL	487	1,526	2,013
<i>18TH DISTRICT</i>			
Guilford	4,281	7,305	11,586
TOTAL	4,281	7,305	11,586
<i>20TH DISTRICT</i>			
Anson	101	264	365
Moore	723	205	928
Richmond	134	69	203
Stanley	455	167	622
Union	115	435	550
TOTAL	1,528	1,140	2,668
<i>21ST DISTRICT</i>			
Forsyth	1,925	2,947	4,872
TOTAL	1,925	2,947	4,872

<u>24TH DISTRICT</u>	Civil	Criminal	Total
Avery	1	333	334
Madison	0	78	78
Mitchell	21	85	106
Watauga	9	372	381
Yancey	9	122	131
TOTAL	40	990	1,030
 <u>26TH DISTRICT</u>			
Mecklenburg	233	3,019	3,252
TOTAL	233	3,019	3,252
 <u>27TH DISTRICT</u>			
Cleveland	103	1,051	1,154
Gaston	516	1,447	1,963
Lincoln	31	27	58
TOTAL	650	2,525	3,175
 <u>29TH DISTRICT</u>			
Henderson	170	86	256
McDowell	21	64	85
Polk	5	44	49
Rutherford	133	131	264
Transylvania	68	163	231
TOTAL	397	488	885
GROUP II TOTAL (DEC. 1968)	22,575	38,234	60,809
GROUP I TOTAL (DEC. 1966)	6,972	12,188	19,160
GRAND TOTAL	29,544	50,422	79,969

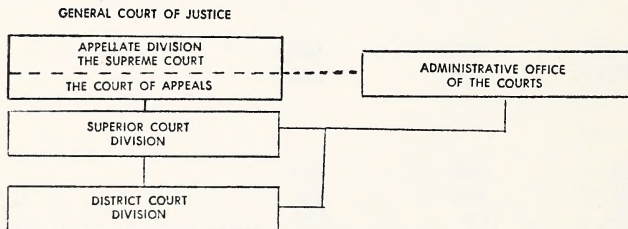
APPENDIX I

STRUCTURE OF THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

I. Prior to the effective date of The Judicial Department Act of 1965:



II. Under The Judicial Department Act of 1965:

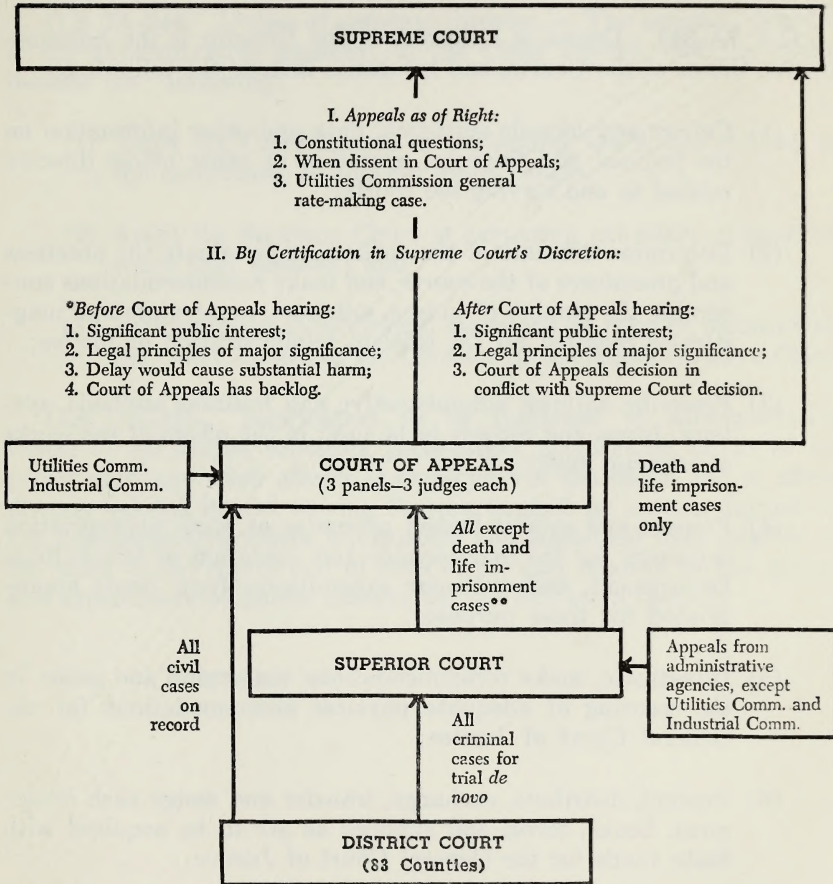


This structure is now in effect as to 83 counties. The District Court will be activated in the final 17 counties on December 7, 1970.

APPENDIX II

GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Routes of Appeal —



*Utilities and Industrial Comm. cases *must* be heard by Court of Appeals *before* Supreme Court can hear.

**Post-conviction hearing appeals go to Court of Appeals by writ of certiorari only. The State may move for certification under G.S. 7A-31(a).

APPENDIX III

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

G.S. 7A-340. Administrative Office of the Courts; establishment; officers. — There is hereby established a State office to be known as the Administrative Office of the Courts. It shall be supervised by a Director, assisted by an assistant director.

G.S. 7A-343. Duties of Director. — The Director is the Administrative Officer of the Courts, and his duties include the following:

- (1) Collect and compile statistical data and other information on the judicial and financial operation of other offices directly related to and serving the courts;
- (2) Determine the state of the dockets and evaluate the practices and procedures of the courts, and make recommendations concerning the number of judges, solicitors, prosecutors and magistrates required for the efficient administration of justice;
- (3) Prescribe uniform administrative and business methods, systems, forms and records to be used in the offices of the clerks of superior court;
- (4) Prepare and submit budget estimates of State appropriation necessary for the maintenance and operation of the Judicial Department, and authorize expenditures from funds appropriated for these purposes;
- (5) Investigate, make recommendations concerning and assist in the securing of adequate physical accommodations for the General Court of Justice;
- (6) Procure, distribute, exchange, transfer and assign such equipment, books, forms and supplies as are to be acquired with State funds for the General Court of Justice;
- (7) Make recommendations for the improvement of the operations of the Judicial Department;
- (8) Prepare and submit an annual report on the work of the Judicial Department to the Chief Justice, and transmit a copy to each member of the General Assembly;

- (9) Assist the Chief Justice in performing his duties relating to the transfer of district court judges for temporary or specialized duty; and
- (10) Perform such additional duties and exercise such additional powers as may be prescribed by statute or assigned by the Chief Justice.

G.S. 7A-344. Duties of assistant director. — The assistant director is the administrative assistant to the Chief Justice, and his duties include the following;

- (1) Assist the Chief Justice in performing his duties relating to the assignment of superior court judges;
- (2) Assist the Supreme Court in preparing calendars of superior court trial sessions; and
- (3) Performing such additional functions as may be assigned by the Chief Justice or the Director of the Administrative Office.

G.S. 7A-345. Information to be furnished to Administrative Officer. — All judges, solicitors, prosecutors, magistrates, clerks of superior court and other officers or employees of the courts and of offices directly related to and serving the courts shall on request furnish to the Administrative Officer information and statistical data relative to the work of the courts and of such offices and relative to the receipt and expenditure of public moneys for the operation thereof.



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